



The Big Store Shick & Wagner The Big Store

## Sale of Muslin Underwear and White Goods

Beginning Friday, March 1st, and Ending Saturday, March 9th.

THIS SALE should be of great interest to all ladies, as we will have a large assortment of new WHITE GOODS on exhibition and have purchased a fine lot of special values in MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. We can sell you cheaper than you can buy the materials alone. This is all we will have of this particular brand, and these garments are all especially good value, but, like everything else, some are more preferable and the early buyers get first choice.

We have these goods in five different grades—15c., 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00.

### The 15c. Line

consists of Baby Dresses, Ladies' Corset Covers, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Drawers.

### The 25c. Line

is Baby Dresses, Ladies' Corset Covers and Drawers.

### The 50c. Line

is Baby Dresses, Ladies Corset Covers, Drawers, Skirts and Night Dresses.

### The 75c. Line

is Skirts, Drawers and Night Dresses.

### The \$1.00 Line

is Baby Dresses, Skirts and Night Dresses.

All well made and nicely trimmed. Come early and get the best things.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING—DESTROYED BY FIRE.

## A \$40,000.00 BLAZE

Visits Reynoldsville and Destroys Our Modern Public School Building.

THE FINEST STRUCTURE IN THE COMMUNITY

Transformed into Mass of Ruins—Blackened Walls and Chimneys Mark the Site—Contents of Building Also Destroyed—Insured for \$23,000.

The magnificent and imposing buff-colored brick school building, of which our townspeople were justly proud, is now in ruins. When the alarm was given about 5.00 p. m. Saturday the news spread through town like wildfire that the public school building was where the fire fiend was doing his work, and in a few minutes the largest crowd that ever witnessed a fire in Reynoldsville had assembled on the school house hill. The firemen were prompt in responding to the fire alarm and were soon working hard to save the building, but they were handicapped by the lack of pressure in the water line and were unable to successfully combat with the flames, although they were as determined and persistent a set of men as ever attempted to conquer red-tongued flames, yet their hard work was in vain and the fire, fanned by a strong breeze, spread rapidly through the building. In an hour after the fire was discovered all that remained of our beautiful school building was the outside walls and large chimneys.

There was much lamentation and many tears shed when it was discovered that the building could not be saved. The burning of no other structure in town could have effected the people as this did, because it is one in which every person is personally interested. All the citizens can say, "our building."

The origin of the fire is unknown, but the supposition is that it originated in the basement of the building. The janitor had not been in the building in the afternoon and the fire was not discovered until after it had a good start in the center of the building.

On account of the direction the wind was blowing at the time of fire the nearby dwelling houses were not in much danger, but had the wind changed toward the north a little it would have been almost impossible to have saved Richard Smith's house with the lack of water pressure, for at that time there was not force enough in the line to throw water into the second story of the school building, but at eleven o'clock that night—the firemen worked until two o'clock Sunday morning—there was pressure enough to throw a stream of water over the school house walls.

This school building was erected in 1896 at a cost of \$32,000, not including the seats, black boards and other furnishings. The building was 92x95 feet. The walls 30 feet high, with a tower 40 feet above the main roof. There were fifteen class rooms, two rotundas, four toilet rooms and principal's office on first and second floors and the assembly hall was on third floor. The building was heated and ventilated by the Smead system. There were five large and two small furnaces in the basement. The total loss will amount to \$40,000, in-

cluding blackboards, seats, maps, books, &c. The library contained 1,000 volumes of excellent books, which were worth \$600.00, the laboratory was well equipped, worth at least \$500.00. There were 600 opera chairs and a piano in Assembly hall. Besides these the school had expended over \$200.00 in fixing up the stage, putting in electric and gas lights, &c. The building was insured for \$23,000.

Prof. G. W. Lenkerd, principal of the schools, lost his entire library, 500 volumes, scientific apparatus, &c., which he would not have taken \$500.00 for.

All the specimen work and school records were also destroyed. The school's savings bank ledger, which was in the principal's office desk, was dug out of the debris Sunday and is in a fair condition, so there will be no trouble about each pupil's bank account.

It was thought Saturday evening that it would be impossible to secure vacant rooms enough to accommodate the schools for the balance of present term—three months—but provision has been made for all the rooms and school will begin next Monday. The directors have ordered new books and the DuBois school board has kindly offered to loan the Reynoldsville schools a number of seats that are not in use in the DuBois schools at present. The following places have been offered and will be fitted up this week so that there will be no trouble about starting school Monday morning:

Room No. 1 in hose house No. 2; No. 3, in King & Co.'s hall; No. 4, in Baptist chapel; No. 5, Bell's banquet hall; No. 6, Presbyterian chapel; No. 7, Centennial hall; Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11, in parochial school building; No. 12, public reading room; Nos. 13 and 14, lecture room of M. E. church.

Rooms No. 9 to 14 assembled in Centennial hall at 9.00 a. m. Monday. Chapel exercises were held and short addresses were made by Prof. Lenkerd, Rev. Reno and Rev. Meek. One of the objects of this meeting was to ascertain the number of books that the pupils had out so the school board would know just how many had been burned and the number of new books to order.

#### NOTES.

When the fire alarm was given one lady, whose husband works at woolen mill, thought the mill was afire. She smelled the burning woolen.

A little girl stood and looked at the fire until it got into her room, then she cried and said: "Oh! my big tablet will be burned up."

A high school pupil said: "We did not fully appreciate our school building while we had it."

Mrs. Elizabeth Robb and Miss Agnes Riston served hot coffee to the firemen. Some of the firemen had their hands

badly cut on glass by crawling into the school building.

The school board expects to have the new building ready for occupancy in time for the fall term.

#### Paradise.

Jake Priester and family, of near Punxsy, visited in Paradise over Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Strouse was called to her home in Reynoldsville by the serious illness of a relative.

Mrs. William Dougherty is confined to her home with grip.

Miss Sadie London, of Stump Creek, was the guest of Miss Ella Syphrit last Saturday.

Protracted meetings began in the M. E. church last Sunday night.

While the meetings are in progress in the M. E. church the Epworth League will meet at 6.30 p. m. each Sunday evening.

Noah Syphrit sold his fast driving horse.

While coasting at school little Gertrude McAdoo was knocked down and severely hurt by a sled.

J. M. Strouse, E. E. Syphrit and J. M. Sheesley called on friends at Big Run on Sunday.

Dr. J. Clair Dougherty, of Falls Creek, spent several days with his parents last week.

A number of people of Paradise drove to Reynoldsville on Sunday to see the ruins of the school building.

There is a certain fellow in the vicinity of Paradise who is so good natured that he wants to give every girl a sleigh ride.

W. A. Sheesley made a flying trip to Winslow last Friday.

Homer Brumbaugh and wife, of town, attended farmers' institute at this place on Saturday.

David Reiter and Lottie Pifer spent Saturday with friends in this place.

Robert Norris and sister, Miss Harriet, attended institute on Friday.

Miss Emma Sykes, of Sykesville, visited her aunt, Mrs. Noah Strouse, part of last week.

Miss Etta Sykes, of Reynoldsville, visited Mrs. Albert Strauss part of last week.

Mrs. Noah Strauss visited friends at Sykesville on Sunday.

The Gibson saw mill is idle on account of the cold weather.

A horse trader from Reynoldsville while in our midst the other day refused to turn out for three or four lumber sleds and became mad when the drivers did not give him the road. He had better watch the next time who gets the road.

#### Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick headache, and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure, only 25c at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

Tablets given away with school shoes at Johnston & Nolan's.

Blig & Co. will occupy the new building of H. Alex. Stoke, corner Main and Fifth sts.

#### Rathmel.

Misses Mary, Etta and Lizzie Gregory, of New Florence, visited friends here Monday of last week.

Joseph Clark, of Walston, had business in town last week.

E. O. Dickey, John McPherson and Misses Mary Snedden and Tillie Ward drove to Brookville last Wednesday evening.

D. H. McIntyre, of Punxsutawney, had business here last Wednesday.

G. L. Henry, who has been confined to his home on account of grip, is able to be among his friends again.

Miss Verna Allen, of DuBois, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mulholland drove to Paradise last Friday to attend the farmers' institute.

Miss Bell Stewart visited friends in New Florence Sunday.

James Thompson, who is working at Brockwayville, spent Sunday with his family here.

H. L. Smith had business in Falls Creek last Saturday evening.

Robert Brown, of Big Soldier, was shaking hands with his many friends here Sunday.

Virginia mines have been idle for the last week on account of the compressor being broken.

David Leach's horse became frightened near the Company store last Thursday and ran away, throwing Mr. Leach out and breaking the sleigh. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

J. C. Siple, who visited friends at Brookville for some time, returned home last week.

Miss Jennie Weise took her Sunday school class to DuBois last Wednesday for a sleighride.

Rev. A. J. Meek, of Reynoldsville, will preach here next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24th, and Rev. Mr. Chisholm will preach Sunday afternoon, March 3d.

Mrs. John Kinnerberg and Misses Roxie Brison and Blanche Stewart took their Sunday school classes to New Florence Saturday for a sleigh ride.

S. E. Thomas, James Connell, W. O. Hays and a number of others drove to DuBois last Wednesday evening to see a play in the opera house.

The following persons drove to Emersville last Friday evening to attend church: Mr. and Mrs. John Kinnerberg and son, James, Henry Robertson, H. B. Harris, W. G. Harris, Misses Blanche and May Stewart, Roxie Brison, May Johnston, Jennie Walker and Maggie Hay.

We would like to correct the correspondent to the *Volunteer*, who mentioned that some young ladies were talking to a dummy, when they were out of town sleighriding. There has been a dummy loafing around one of our grocery stores here lately, but instead of staying on the front porch it got around to the back door. The proprietor, thinking a robber was there, got after him with a shot gun. Roser, his faithful dog, however, got there ahead of him and the intruder fled. Old Boy, we will get even with you yet.

Furniture, kitchen utensils, Welshsch lamps and mantles, curtains and blinds at Hall's.